

This action is responsive to applicant's amendment/remarks filed 11/21/07. Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 29-33 are pending.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Cancel claim 29.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John Lamming on 02/19/08.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant amendment has overcome the prior art rejections over Sotzing and Hsu for the reasons of record.

With respect to Pickup and Ohtani, the examiner respectfully maintains that these references may disclose or suggest the instantly claimed "aqueous dispersion". However, the prior art, either alone or in any fair combination, fail to disclose or suggest the instantly required aqueous dispersion comprising colloid-forming fluorinated polymeric sulfonic acid

and substituted polydioxothiophene (i.e. "with the proviso that at least one R" is not hydrogen").

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Kopec whose telephone number is (571) 272-1319. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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